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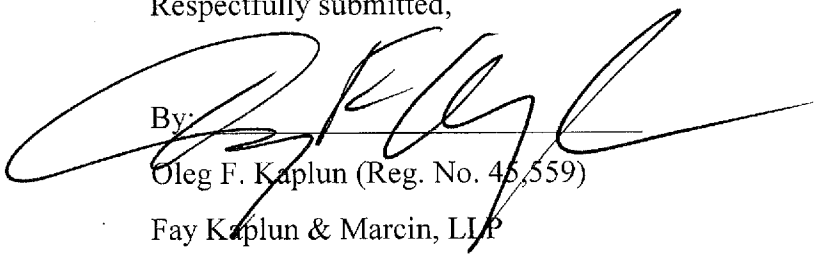
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Transmitted herewith please find an Amendment in response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed August 19, 2009 for filing in the above-identified application. Applicants respectfully request a one-month extension of time. Please charge the Credit Card of **Fay Kaplun & Marcin, LLP** in the amount of **\$130.00**. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional required fees to the Deposit Account of **Fay Kaplun & Marcin, LLP No. 50-1492**.

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